

Green patches in your brownfield



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terminology

- brownfield
 - undeveloped land
 - muddy, not nice to walk on
 - existing codebase, untested code
- greenfield
 - new project
 - nice to walk on
 - test drive your code from the start



food for thought



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Replying to @Mrlarson2007 and 3 others

Key lesson is, you can always (read: most of the time) do greenfield in a legacy code base. Create new classes for new features.

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today's agenda

- some theory + lots of live coding
- seams, enabling points, types of refactoring
- sprouting
- wrap class
- split loop



sources

- WELC:
Michael C. Feathers – Working effectively with Legacy Code, Prentice Hall, 2004
- REF:
Martin Fowler – Refactoring (2nd edition),
Boston : Addison-Wesley, 2019



seams

- where pieces of clothing are sewn together
- "a place where you can alter behavior (...) without editing in that place" (WELC, p.31)



seams

- several types of seams
- e.g.: object seams
 - override method
 - inject method parameter
 - inject dependency in constructor
 - make static method non-static + override
 - *many more...*



enabling points

- "Every seam has an enabling point, a place where you can make the decision to use one behavior or another" (WELC, p.36)
- object seam:
 - override in class definition
 - argument list of constructor/method



types of refactoring

- in-situ
 - change everything on the spot
 - forces changes to other spots
 - tests/builds stay red longer
 - isolated: branch/local commits
 - merge before being able to ship
 - **cannot ship on demand**



types of refactoring

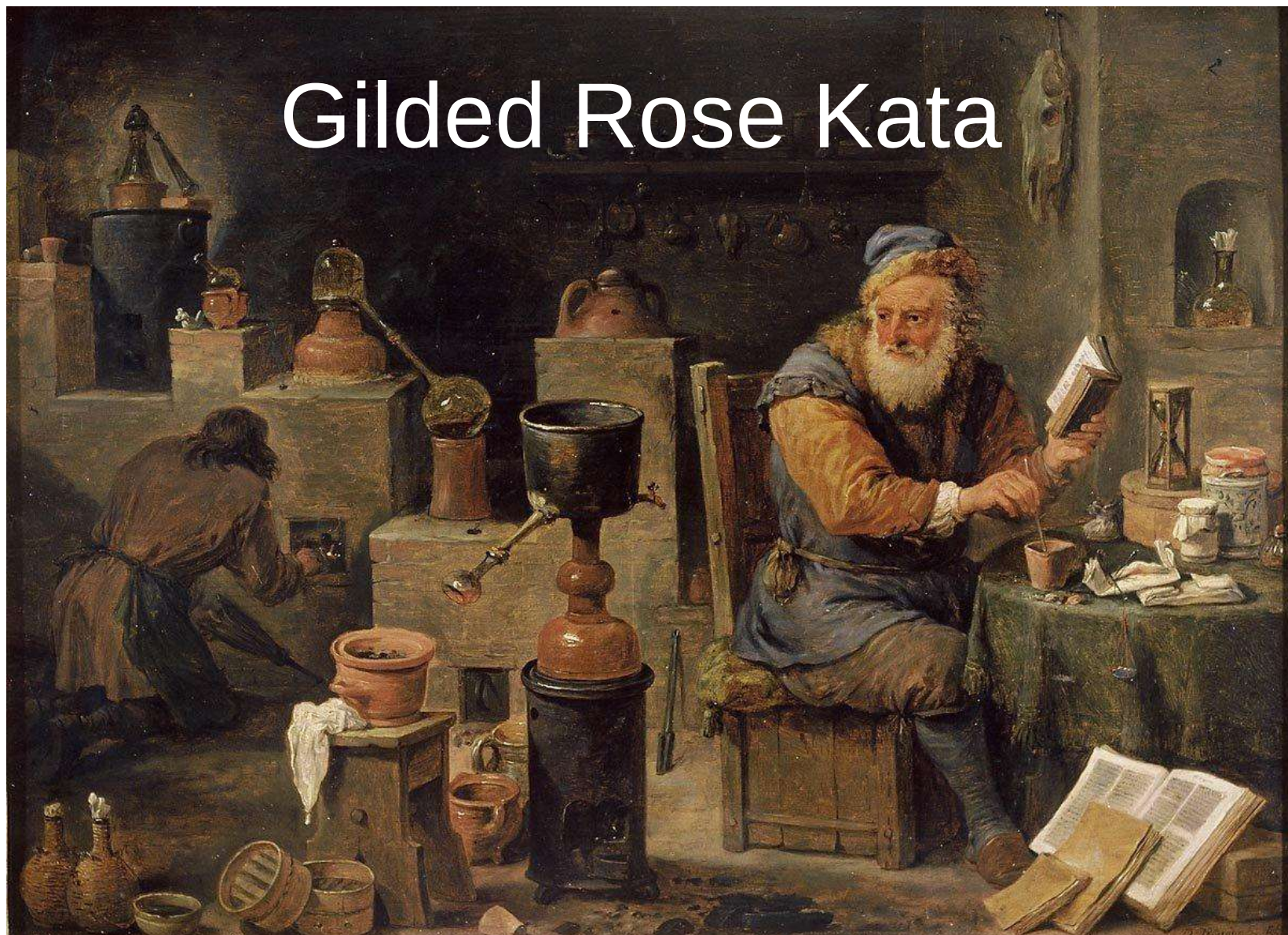
- side-by-side
 - keep the old version functioning
 - work on the replacement in parallel
 - constantly green tests/builds
 - constantly integrated
 - **ship on demand**

OMG

I LOVE THIS BRANCH



Gilded Rose Kata



preparations

- add tests before you refactor
 - characterization tests
 - use dependency breakers from WELC
 - golden master
- safety net for refactoring



sprouting

- **when:** you don't have much time
- new functionality in new method/class
- test-drive all new code
- call from existing code
- long term:
 - similarities between sprouts
 - refactor to new design



wrap class

- **when:** you cannot change a class
 - 3rd party library
 - goblin in the corner
- wrap the class + gold plate it
- antidote for: anemic data model



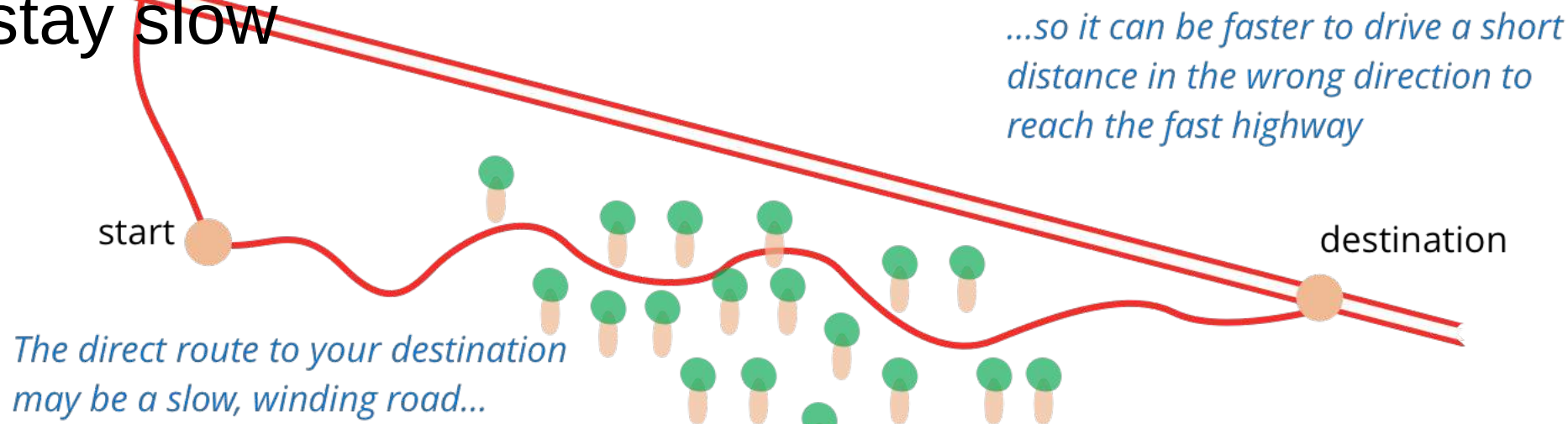
wrap class

- gold-plate Item
- create wrapper for Item: GildedItem
- use wrapper in production code
- intermediate mess: aliasing
 - Items in GildedRose
 - Items wrapped by GildedItem



intermediate “mess”

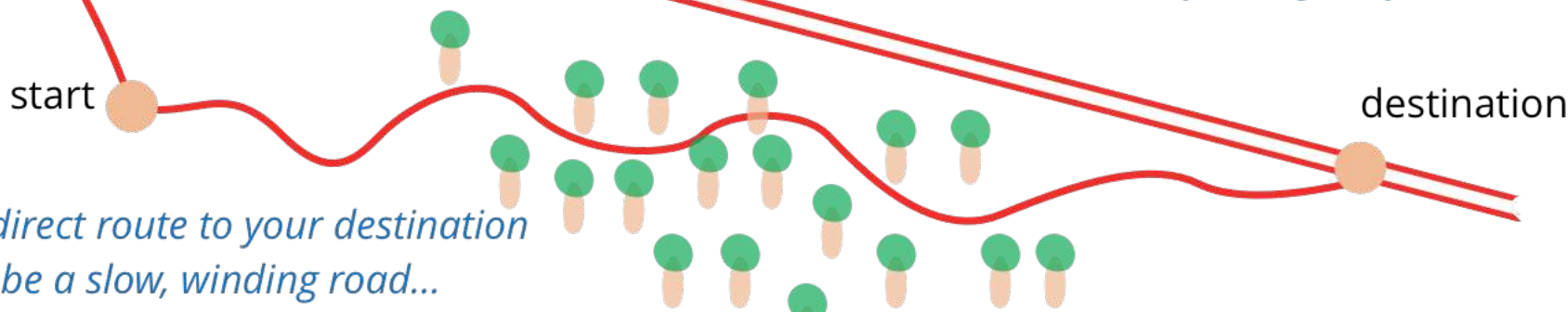
- reach the highway
by going in the “wrong” direction first
- go in the “right” direction
stay slow



intermediate “mess”

- “wrong” direction first:
Item and GildedItem side-by-side
- **but:** now we have a target class:
e.g. for moving methods

...so it can be faster to drive a short distance in the wrong direction to reach the fast highway



split loop

- **when:** multiple computations tangled in one loop
- copy the loop
- identify and eliminate other computations
 - use test coverage markers
- clean up if possible:
 - slide statements
 - extract function
- test



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